

FISCAL NOTE

HB 177 - SB 594

February 15, 2005

SUMMARY OF BILL: Removes the authority of the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Commission to set hunting and fishing fees.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Decrease State Revenues – Exceeds \$7,000,000/Wildlife Resources Fund

Increase State Expenditures – Not Significant/Wildlife Resources Fund

Assumptions:

- The commission raised fees in January, 2005 by rule. This bill would nullify this rule and fees would revert to FY03-04 rates.
- Revenue from licenses and permits in FY03-04 was \$25,801,862.
- Revenue from licenses and permits is estimated to be \$32,858,612 in 2005.
- The loss of state revenues to the Wildlife Resources Fund associated with the reversion to FY03-04 rates is estimated to exceed \$7,000,000.
- The reduction in license fees would not apply retroactively to licenses issued since January, 2005.
- There would be a not significant increase in state expenditures to the Wildlife Resources Fund associated with transition back to statutory license fees.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James W. White".

James W. White, Executive Director